

(SRI J. B. MALLARADHYA)

you call condensed course, what is the basis of selection ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Three criteria have been taken into consideration: first their service; secondly, merit; and thirdly as regards preferential seats, according to the classification of community.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Was there a selection committee ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Yes.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Were applications called for ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Yes.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—The institutions are collecting a donation of Rs 3,000 for putting up buildings and the Government has been giving grants and is proposing grants in the Budget of this year also. Do not the Government think that they have got a responsibility to put a limit of time in taking donations ?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—That will be considered.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—The B. M. S. Engineering College is not included. May I know why ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಈವಾಗ ಡೋನೇಷನ್ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅದನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿಲ್ಲ. The question pertains to 1957.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it a fact that no initial sum was demanded from the candidates for admission into the B.M.S. Engineering College ?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—Yes.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಕೆ. ಎಸ್. ನಾಗರತ್ನಮ್ಮ.—ಸೀಟ್ ರಿಸರ್ವ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಈ ಸೀಟುಗಳು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ರಿಸರ್ವ್ ಆಗಿವೆಯೋ, ಇಲ್ಲ ಅವರ ತಂದೆ ತಾಯಿಗಳಿಗೋ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ರಿಸರ್ವ್ ಮಾಡಿದವರಿಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತು. ರಿಸರ್ವ್ ಮಾಡಿದವರು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಲ್ಲ; ಕಾಲೇಜಿನವರು.

Safeguards to Marathi speaking people in the State.

Q.—591. Sri V. S. PATIL (Belgaum I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the steps already taken or proposed to be taken to safeguard the

interests of the minorities especially the Marathi speaking people in the State;

(b) whether they are aware that the Government officers are bent upon changing the Marathi records in the villages to Kannada;

(c) whether they are aware that due to want of Marathi knowing hands in the courts and in the Police Department, the depositions and statements of Marathi speaking people are recorded in Kannada;

(d) whether they have taken any steps to appoint Marathi knowing Government servants in the Marathi tracts of the State;

(e) if not, why not;

(f) the number of Marathi knowing persons in Government service and the number that have been appointed in Government service since 1st November 1956 ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) The linguistic minorities continue to enjoy all the facilities that existed in those areas prior to integration. The question as to what steps Government should take to safeguard the interests of linguistic minorities in the New State is under the consideration of Government.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) This question does not arise in view of reply to clause (c) above.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The information is not readily available.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It has been discussed to some extent.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—I am not going to refer to those supplementaries that have already been answered. I want to put supplementaries of a different type. Answer (a): "The linguistic minorities continue to enjoy all the facilities that existed in these areas prior to integration." In Belgaum area Marathi was recognised as the State language. Is that facility available there now ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—All the facilities available to the people on the linguistic basis are available.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether this Government also recognise Marathi as the State language?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—It cannot be State language; it is a district language. Where there are minorities their interests are safeguarded.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—In pre-integrated Belgaum Marathi was the recognised language, but it is not so. That is why I am asking.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Both Kannada and Marathi were court languages. It was no State language in Bombay State.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—With reference to the answer to (c), are the Government aware that in the Belgaum City Police Station and in Cantonment there are no Marathi knowing hands to take down the depositions of the persons who come there?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I have information that Marathi knowing officials are there in those places.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Are the Government aware that there are no Marathi knowing hands to take down depositions in the Tahsildar's Court at Belgaum and there are only a few hands in the Civil Court at Belgaum and they are not sufficient?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I am not aware.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Have Government made any enquiries as to whether there are sufficient hands to take down the depositions in the Police Stations as well as in the Courts?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—My information is that there are sufficient number of officials who know both Marathi and Kannada.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—I feel that this House is entitled to get correct information from the Government and not conjectures or such answers which to bypass the question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You put the question.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Has Government made any enquiry in any of the offices

whether this state of affairs is going on there or not?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—My information is that there are sufficient number of officers who know both Marathi and Kannada.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether the Government have made enquiries to ascertain whether the officers know Kannada?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—In fact I have not received any complaint except in this House where this question is often put.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether Government have made any enquiries that such despositions have been taken in Kannada?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—There was no necessity to make an enquiry because there is no complaint of that sort except in this House where questions are often asked.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—In the former Bombay State it is the Kannada speaking people that were in minority. Now it is the Marathi speaking people that are in minority. May I know as to what exactly is the implication of this answer to (a)?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is not a question pertaining of State but only a question with reference to a District. Even in Belgaum Kannada speaking people were predominant and the Marathi speaking people were in minority.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Do the Government contemplate implementing the recommendations of the Linguistic Minorities Commission in this respect?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—The interests of the minorities are always safeguarded not only according to the Act, but also according to the Memorandum placed on the Table of the Parliament.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Are the Government aware that for the recruitment in the Police and Revenue Courts in the lower grade, knowledge of Kannada is made compulsory from 1st November 1956?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I am not aware. I will make enquiries.